

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A spindle mounted in an oil bearing inside a mover and adapted to rotate a follower member adjacent a top side of said mover, the spindle having a plurality of ~~oblique~~ linearly extending and obliquely directed guide grooves formed on ~~the~~ a periphery thereof and extending around the periphery of said spindle in longitudinally spaced relationship, said guide grooves being angularly directed with respect to a direction of rotation of said spindle and adapted to guide force lubricating oil released from said oil bearing to be displaced toward a bottom side of said mover.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently amended) The spindle as claimed in claim 1, wherein respective portions of said ~~oblique~~ plurality of guide grooves are arranged around the periphery of the spindle at different elevations.